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SUBJECT: OPORTO CULTURAL CENTER BOMBED

1. LARGE BOMB EXPLODED BEFORE DAWN JAN 7 IN DOWNTOWN OPORTO CAUSING CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. IT PARTIALLY DESTROYED BUILDING WHICH HOUSED CULTURAL COOPERATIVE USED ALMOST SOLELY BY LEFTIST ARTISTS. TWO WEEKS AGO, BUILDING HAD BECOME CENTER OF OPERATIONS FOR ANTI-FACIST COMMITTED OF SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTIONARY PRISONERS (CAARP). COMMENT: CAARP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR JAN 1 DEMONSTRATION AT CUSTOIAS WHICH ENDED IN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT OF PRISON. INSPIRATION FOR BOMBING WAS NOT ANTI-CULTURE BUT ANTI-CAARP. ALMOST IDENTICAL BOMBING TOOK PLACE DEC 24 AT COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS (PCP) IN POVoa (OPORTO 437, DEC 30, 1975). SOURCES TELL ME THAT DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF PORTUGAL (MDLP) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH INCIDENTS. I AM INCLINED TO AGREE.

2. I HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT LARGE ANTI-AGRARIAN REFORM RALLY IS SCHEDULED FOR JAN 11 IN BRAGA. RALLY WILL BE OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED BY FARMERS CONFEDERATION OF PORTUGAL BUT REPORTEDLY HAS THE SUPPORT OF MDLP AND CONSERVATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRAGA BISHOP. IT WILL BE COMPOSED OF SAME ELEMENTS WHICH

MET AT RECENT II NATIONAL PLENARY IN RIO MAIOR.
COMMENT: SINCE AGRARIAN REFORM HAS NEVER PENETRATED THE
NORTH, AN ANTI-AGRARIAN REFORM RALLY IN BRAGA APPEARS TO
BE OVERKILL IN MY OPINION. REAL PURPOSE MAY BE TO FURTHER
MOBILIZE ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT.
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